

REMARKS

Claims 1-73 are pending.

Claims 1-27, 29-32, 43-45, 49, 50, 63 and 71 are rejected.

Claims 28, 33-42, 46-48, 51-62, 64-70, and 72-73 are deemed to contain allowable subject matter but are objected to due to dependence from a rejected base claim.

Claims 24, 35, 37, 43, 47 and 71 are currently amended.

Claims 1-23, 27-28 and 46 are canceled.

OBJECTIONS TO THE CLAIMS

The Examiner has objected to claims 28, 33-42, 46-48, 51-62, 64-70 and 72-73 due to dependence from a rejected base claim while indicating that these claims contain allowable subject matter.

The Applicant responds by entering amendments to claims 24, 35, 37, 43 and 71 which bring all un-canceled claims into condition for allowance.

Specifically:

Claim 24 has been amended to include the limits of claims 27 and 28, now canceled. This amendment brings claim 24 and all of its dependents into condition for allowance.

Claims 35 and 37 have each been amended to include the limits of claim 24.

Claim 43 has been amended to include the limits of claim 46, now canceled. This amendment brings claim 43 and all of its dependents into condition for allowance. Dependence of claim 47 has been adjusted in light of cancellation of claim 46. Claim 71 has been amended to depend from claim 43.

CLAIM REJECTIONS

Claims 1-23 are rejected under 35 USC § 101.

Claims 24-32 and 43-73 are rejected under 35 USC § 102(e).

The Applicant notes that the list of rejected claims includes some claims which are specifically listed as containing allowable subject matter. However, the listing of rejected/objected claims in the Office Action Summary suggest that only claims 24-27, 29-32, 43-45, 49, 50, 63 and 71 are actually rejected under § 102(e).

Claims 1-23, 27-28, 46 and 71-73 are canceled.

The Applicant respectfully suggests that rejections of all un-canceled claims are moot in view of amendments detailed hereinabove.

All the issues raised by the Examiner have been dealt with.

Prompt notice of allowance is earnestly and respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Martin D. Moynihan".

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Enclosed:

Petition for Extension (1 Month)